



## World Christian Fellowship

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### Test yourself- Are you a Christian?

#### Part 04

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#### 8. Do You Experience Answered Prayer?

Another source of confidence and assurance is that your prayers are being answered by God.

**1 John 3:22**, *And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*

You can know you are a believer if God answers your prayers.

The only way that can happen is if you keep His commandments, and the only way you can do that is if you belong to Him.

**1 John 3:24**, *Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.*

**1 John 5:13-15**, *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. <sup>14</sup>Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

God always answers prayers that are according to His will. Obedient believers know His will as stated in His Word, and make their prayers accordingly.

The answers that result bring about confidence and assurance.

God is more eager to answer the prayers of His children than they are to ask.

There is a certain disappointment in God's heart because He would do so much more than we ever ask Him to do. Think of the blessings and assurance we miss out on!

Now there are many people who pray to God, but don't even know the God they are praying to or what His will is.

God is under no obligation to answer such prayers. We learn from the Psalms that He doesn't even hear them.

**Psalms 66:18**, *If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.*

But those of us who see answers to our prayers can know we have eternal life. One of the many good reasons to pray fervently and faithfully is to enjoy the assurance that answered prayer brings.

Some believers struggle with being assured of their salvation because they have little experience concerning answered prayers.

That comes from an inadequate prayer life.  
What a tragedy!

If you are in that situation, reverse it immediately.

I don't want you to miss out on the blessing and comfort that answered prayer brings.

Looking back on my life, one of my greatest sources of assurance is seeing that God has answered many of my prayers through the years. That He answered is evidence that He hears me, which is evidence that I abide in Him and He in me.

**Have you had your prayers answered?**

Is that a pattern of life for you?

If so, you have eternal life. Have you prayed for an unbeliever and seen that person come to Christ?

**Have you prayed for someone in great distress and seen God turn the situation around into blessing and joy?**

Have you sought God about a void in your life and seen Him fill it?

**Have you prayed for forgiveness in a clear conscience and received it?**

Have you asked God to enable you to present His truth to an individual or group and experienced His grace to do so with great clarity?

Have you sought power in proclaiming the gospel and experienced it?

Have you asked that God would help you lead someone to the Saviour, and He did?

Have you sought contentment amidst trying circumstances and experienced God's peace as a result?

Have you asked the Lord to help you know Him better and experienced greater intimacy with Him after going through some hard lessons?

Those are all indications that you belong to Him and He to you.

Give below five prayers that God always answers your prayers.

**1. God glorify your name through me.**

**Habakkuk 2:4**, *The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*

**2. Forgive me.**

**1 John 1:9**, *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**3. Reveal more of yourself to me.**

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**, *I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord.*

#### **4. Give me wisdom.**

**James 1:5**, *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

#### **5. Strengthen me to obey you.**

**Philippians 2:12-13**, *As you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

#### **6. Spread your gospel to the lost.**

**Matthew 24:14**, *This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

How do we know God will answer these six prayers?

Because God says He will, because these prayers sum up what God has promised to do through the gospel.

This is what God has said He would most surely do.